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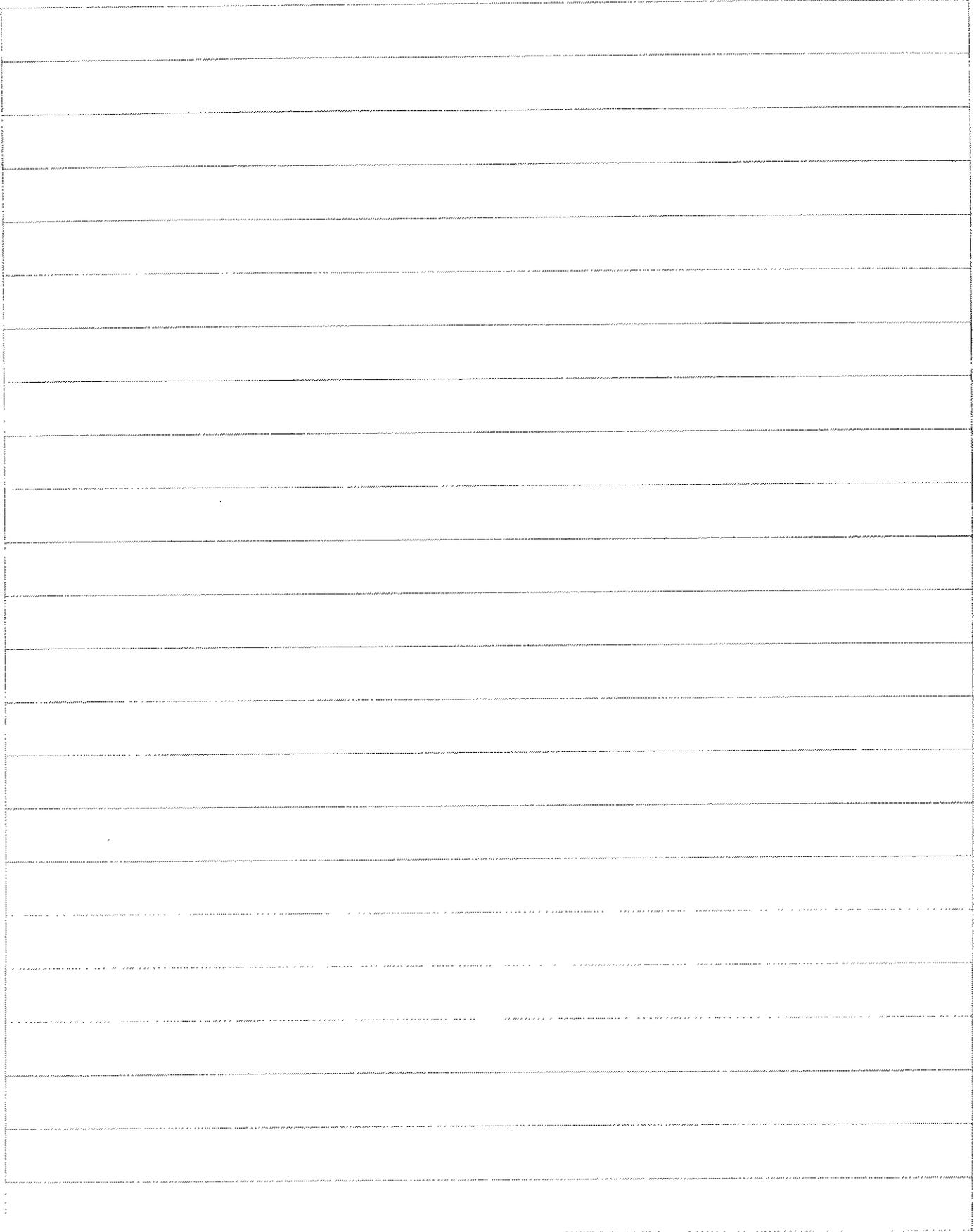
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Friends

Friends are always there when you need them. Without friends, I probably wouldn't be as happy as I always am. My friends are always there to keep me positive.

Also, my friends can have a negative affect on me. But if I didn't have friends at all, my life wouldn't be very exciting. They also help me keep up with my schoolwork and we can do homework together and stuff.

My friends and I always have a good time together, I don't know where I'd be without them.



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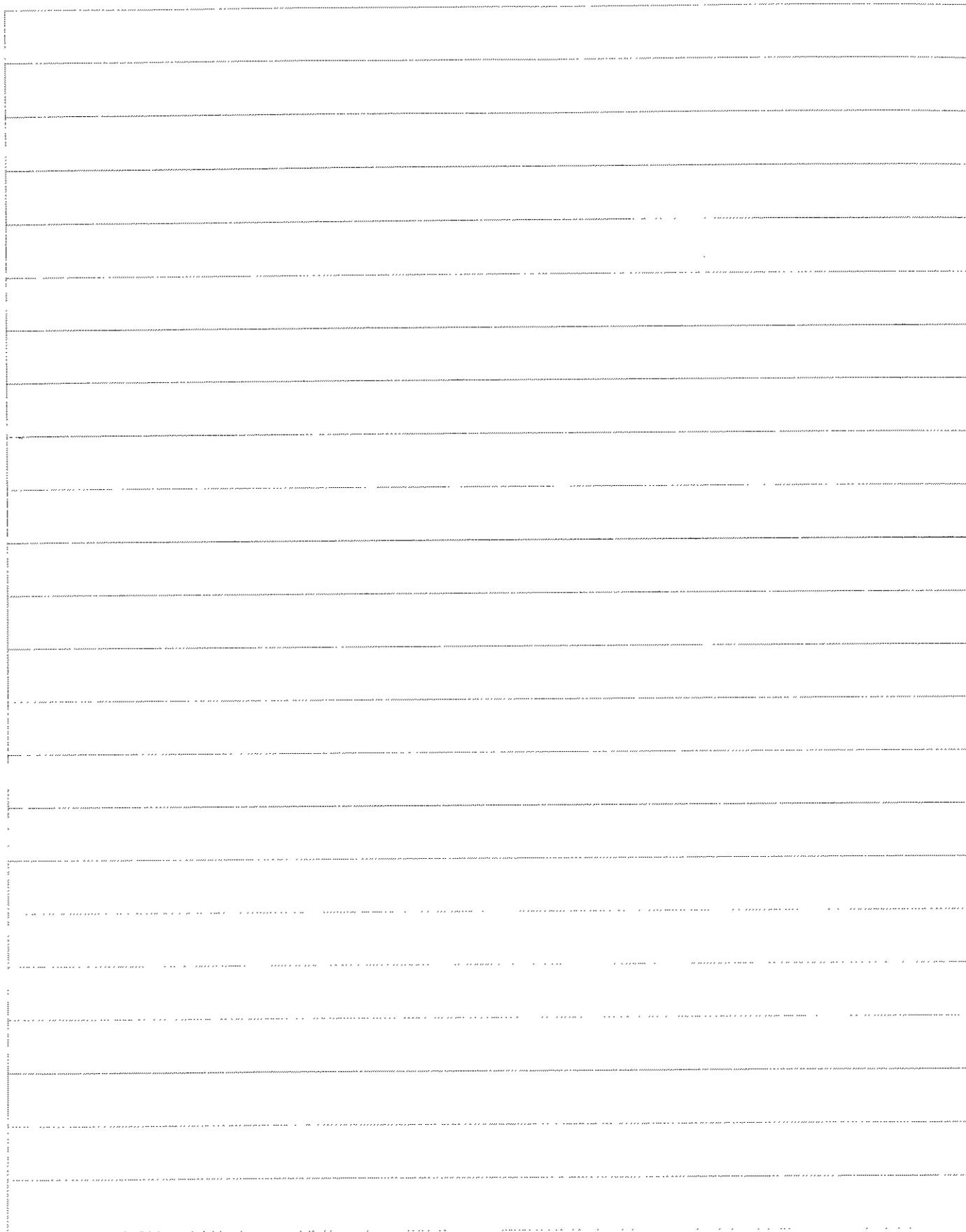
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I would like to meet my grandfather because he died when I was four years old. My mother ~~told~~ tells me a lot about him. She told me that one time he took care of me and my mother when she had the flu once. Sometime he clean inside and outside. He rakes the leaves, clears the gutters, and once mowed the lawn. When ever I go to my grandparent's house he gives me a little candy. Most of my time at there house I watch tv and play outside, and ~~when~~ when ever I get hurt he ~~say~~ comes outside and said "are you ok" in spanish. When ~~it~~ it was time for lunch they give me home made soup, it like chicken noodle soap but better, and when I go home I just miss them and that what my mom said. So I wish he was here.



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## Wrestling

During elementary school, I never really stuck to a sport or hobby. I would always find a reason to quit it. This was not a good thing to practice when you are trying to get ready to go out into the ~~realt~~ real world.

The thing that helped me get focused and get on the right track was wrestling. Wrestling gave me something to stick to, ~~was~~ a way to stay healthy and fit, and lessons that I will use for the rest of my life. It really was a life changing experience.

Wrestling gave me something to stick to. When I first started, it was really hard ~~I~~ and I didn't think that I would be able to finish the season. I decided to stay for the rest and that was probably one of the best things that I could have ever done. It taught me the importance of sticking to something and not to quit.

Another thing wrestling did for me was to keep me in shape. Before I started wrestling I always ate junk food and I didn't have that much muscle. After one year of wrestling I had gained 10 pounds in muscle and felt great. My eating habits changed too so I could be at a continuous weight class for the rest of the season. I ate fruits and vegetables all the time and I still do. I am probably in the best shape of my life so far and I have wrestling to thank for that.

Lastly, wrestling taught me many valuable lessons. Sportsman ship is one of the main ones. If I lost a match I learned to not worry about losing and congratulate congratulate the person who beat me and their coach. Like I said before, wrestling taught me healthy habits and the ability to stick with something. Wrestling also taught me to be a good team player. My teammates were my friends and we would help each other to get better. Wrestling taught me how to be able to work with my teammates, which is a skill that I can use in a job with coworkers.

Wrestling really changed my outlook on life and it still is today. If I hadn't have done wrestling I don't think that things would be as good for me as they are now. Wrestling is one of the best things that has ever happened to me!

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# LIFE CHANGING

One of the main things that changed my outlook on life is the day I saved a man's life. One day I was hanging out at the mall with one of my friends. We decided to go out ~~and~~ side and get some fresh air.

When we were walking an older woman came up to us and told us her husband was having a heart-attack. She asked us to go get some help for her husband. We said we would try. It took us about 15 minutes to find somebody that would help us. We told them what was going on and they started running for the man and wife. When they got to him they radio for an ambulance and some more help. Once they took the man to the hospital we found out that if we hadn't gotten to them that the man would have died.

In conclusion I saved a man's life and that is what made me stop and think that this man could have been a grandpa or a father to somebody. He would have died if it wasn't for my friend and me

going to get help for him. I mean if this was my dad or grandpa I would be really proud that two teenagers took the time to save his life.

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I have had many experiences some have taught me things about money, government. I have had experiences that have taught me about people, business. Also I have had a experience that changed my life.

The experience that I had was in port land when I was driving with my dad to go to a store, and at a intersection a car ran a red light and at the same time a car was turning out of a parking lot and the collided, the front of the car that was turning was smashed completely and the radiator was leaking every where, no one what to help and when my dad called a ambulance and said that they were still moving the they

said that they would be all right  
this taught me some things that  
I was kind of sad that not every one  
will ~~always~~ always help in fact  
when you need help ~~with~~ ~~that~~ ~~with~~  
people sometimes will hurt you. this  
also taught me to not always rely on  
other because some just always go to  
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# The Aural Feast

Being a composer does not always mean exorbitant amounts of money. Even so, the art of composition is a quite rewarding process. Hearing something created by one's own mind is an exuberant experience. The actual experience of hearing and writing Music is a surreal feeling that has changed my outlook on life for the better.

Upon first hearing the gallant themes of the ~~Star Wars~~ movies, my mind was taken across the galaxy on a passionate and vivacious voyage. The creator of this great work of music, John Williams, had woven a musical tapestry of such complexity, as to describe a whole galaxy in a musical staff. Most composers only write a simple melody with an accompanying facile harmony. While these simple tunes might be fine entertainment, they don't have any substance, and don't convey much emotion. While listening to various pieces of music in my lifetime, I contemplated if maybe I could do something like these grand aural feasts as well. ~~I~~

I started to actually create music in December of 2007. What I started out writing were just some elementary tunes, without much complexity. The biting wind and freezing temperatures of the season had driven me into the confinement of my own home. Because I had nothing better to do, I took out some staff paper and a pencil, and let the Emotions flow. I compare the

process of composing music to a dam. When the dam breaks, there is no way to stop the flow. The hard part is actually breaking the dam.

While creating music, I was also creating a new path for my life. I could now form my feelings and emotions into a truly beautiful aural world. I almost pitied other people because of their lack of emotional output. I now know my destiny in life. Upon graduating High School, I will attend the Juilliard School of Music, and write masterpieces of emotion.

Lastly, I now know that my life is moving in a more positive direction. The art of composition has let me have an outlet of emotion. Who cares about big salaries anyway?

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How do people, books, and events change  
 peoples outlook on life? Things that change  
 ones outlook on life can be positive or  
 negative impacts. Three things ~~are~~  
 that changed my life are people, books,  
 and events. My life has been changed for  
 the good and the ~~bad~~ bad. People have  
 changed my life in a good and bad  
 way.

People can be nice to you like

your mother or father. Fathers take you to ball games, and mothers take you to the park. People that drink have a ~~bad~~ had a bad impact on my life. My step dad has always drunk, and he almost killed my mother. That taught me that drinking wine or beer is bad not just for you, but for the people around you. People can be good or bad it all depends on how you view it. I see it as a learning experience. Books have changed my